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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2433

Introduced by Assembly Member Travis Allen

February 19, 2016

An act to add Section 2195 to the Elections Code, relating to voter registration.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2433, as amended, Travis Allen. Voter registration database: interstate exchange of voter registration information. *Electronic Registration Information Center.*

Existing law requires the Secretary of State to establish a statewide system to facilitate removal of duplicate or prior voter registrations, to facilitate the reporting of election results and voter and candidate information, and to otherwise administer and enhance election administration. Existing law also requires certain affidavit of voter registration information to be provided to, among others, any person for election, scholarly, journalistic, or political purposes, or for governmental purposes, as determined by the secretary.

This bill would require authorize the Secretary of State to enter into agreements to share information or data with other states or groups of states in order to improve the accuracy of the statewide voter registration database, as specified. apply for membership with the Electronic Registration Information Center and, if that application is approved, authorize the Secretary of State to execute a membership agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center on behalf of the state. The bill would require the secretary to ensure that any confidential information or data provided by another state remains confidential while

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in his or her possession, and would authorize the secretary to transmit confidential information or data pursuant to those agreements. that agreement. The bill would also authorize the Secretary of State to adopt regulations necessary to implement these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2195 is added to the Elections Code, to read:

2195. (a) The Secretary of State shall enter into agreements to share information or data that is in the possession of the Secretary of State with other states or groups of states in order to improve the accuracy of the statewide voter registration database described in subdivision (b) of Section 2187, as follows:

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- (a) The Secretary of State-shall may apply for membership with the Electronic Registration Information Center. If the membership application is approved, the Secretary of State-shall may execute a membership agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center on behalf of the state.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall execute a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the state to participate in the Interstate Voter Registration Data Crosseheck Program.
- (b) The Secretary of State shall ensure that any confidential information or data provided by another state to the Secretary of State remains confidential while in his or her possession.
- (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 6254.4 of the Government Code, paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 2194, or any other law, the Secretary of State may provide confidential information or data to persons or organizations pursuant to an agreement entered into under this section.
- 25 (d) The Secretary of State may adopt regulations necessary to 26 implement this section.